

In the Specification:

On page 1, after the title insert the following:

RELATED APPLICATION

This is a U.S. National Phase Application under 35 USC 371 of International Application PCT/FR2004/002734, filed October 22, 2004.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

On page 1, before line 5, insert the following heading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

On page 1, before line 23, insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On page 2, amend the paragraph beginning on line 1 as follows:

~~The invention proposes~~ One aspect of the present invention is directed to a method of automatically controlling fraud in an electronic transaction system, ~~characterized in that it comprises the steps of: when~~ When a user initiates a session in the electronic transaction system, ~~generating~~ an element is generated and stored ~~storing the element~~ in a database in association with information identifying the user, ~~each~~ Each time during the session the user commands the execution of an operation, ~~determining~~ an equation is determined that is satisfied by the element stored in the database, ~~when~~ When a sufficient given number of

operations has been effected, ~~solving~~ the system of equations consisting of the equations determined as above is solved to deduce the element. ~~;-and by~~ By consulting the database, ~~deducing from the element obtained in this way~~ the corresponding information identifying the user is deduced from the element obtained in this way.

On page 3, amend the paragraph beginning on line 21 through page 4, line 2 as follows:

~~The invention also provides~~ Another aspect of the invention is directed to a system for automatically controlling fraud in an electronic transaction system. ~~,characterized in that it comprises~~ A first calculation means for generating generates an element when a user initiates a session in the electronic transaction system. ~~,a~~ A database is provided in which the element is stored in association with information identifying the user. ~~,the~~ The first calculation means ~~being is~~ is adapted to determine an equation that the element stored in the database satisfies each time the user commands the execution of an operation in the session. ~~,and~~ A second calculation means is adapted to solve the system of equations consisting of the equations determined as above to deduce the element therefrom when a sufficient given number of operations has been effected, so that, by consulting the database, it is possible to deduce from the element obtained in this way the corresponding information identifying the user.

On page 4, before line 3, insert the following heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

On page 4, before line 23, insert the following heading:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS